Defrauding of SBI by a Peon

220. SHRI M. S. GURUPADA-SWAMY:

DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a peon of the State Bank of India, Lucknow has been arrested for defrauding the Bank of Rs. 32 lakhs;

(b) if so, what are the details there-

(c) whether any other emiJloyees of the said Bank has also been arrested; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE . MINISTRY OF FiNANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) State Bank of India has reported that a fraud involving P^s. 31.43 lakhs bas been committed in their Clearing House Operations at Luck-now. An FJ.R. was lodged by SBI .with the Central Bursau of Investigation and CBI has arrested the Messenger working at the transport Nagar (Lucknow) Branch of SBI. The bank has placed the Messenger under suspension.

(c) and (d) The bank has reported that no other employee of the bank had been arrested s'n^e the CBI's in vestigations have not revealed involvnaent of other employees so far.

Seizure of Heroin in Ganganagar District

2241. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's "attention has been drawn to the news-item pub-lished in the daily newspaper 'Jans-. atta' Thursday, the i6th February, 1986 with regard to the recovery of heroin worth Rs. 16 crores and 80 lakhs by the Birder Security Force in Anupgarh area of Ganga Nagar district adjacent to the Pak-border;

(b) what is the quantity of such contraband goods seized while being smuggled into the country dviring the last one year; and

(c) what measures are being taken to have an effective check on such activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OP FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI); (a) Attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item referred to in the question which appeared in the daily "Jansatta" dated 5th February, 1986 and not 6th February, 19156. The details relating to the seizure arc as follows: —

On 2nd February 86, the Border Security Force, after an armed en-countsr with smugglers in Anupgarh, District Sriganganagar, Rajasthan, recovered 309.450 kgs. of heroin packed in 14 bags. Drugs seized are not accounted in terms of value as it varies widely du^ to various factors.

(b) The details of the drugs seized while being smuggled into India during the year 1985 are given below:

Drug seized	Quantity in Kgs.
Opium	882
Ganja	45071
Charas	390
Herion	556

(Figures are provisional)

(c) The anti-smuggling drive in the region has been intensified. The trends in smuggling and seizures made are kept under constant review for taking appropriate measures in close coordination with concerned Central and State Government agencies in new Act, namely, " Narcotic Druga and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985" has been brought into force with

•effect from 14th November, 1985, which *inter aim,* provides for starin-gent pimishment for drug trafficking offences.

Preventive detention under COFEPOSA Act is also resorted to in Appropriate cases.

Trust money of IBM

2242. SHRI BHAGATRAM MAN-HAR; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the US multinational, IBM was allowed to set up a Superannuation Scheme Trust, at the time of Company's closing operations in India in 1978, to fulfil its financial oblig,ations towards the employees;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the trust money, which ran into over rupees one crore, has not been distributed to the employees ag per stipulations made at the time of closure of Company's operations; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to find out where and under "Whose charge the trust money is being kept and ensure that it is distributed as per the original stipulations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it is received.

सिले-सिलाये कपड़ों का निर्यात

2243. श्री प्यारे लाल खंडेलवाल : क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत दो वर्षों के दौरान सिले-सिलाये कपड़ों का कितना निर्यात किया गया ;

(ख) किन-किन देशों में उक्त प्रकार के कपड़ों का निर्यात किया गया और सबसे अधिक वस्त्र कौन-सा देश मगाता है; और

(ग) 1987 के वर्ष के लिए सिले-सिलाये कपड़ों के निर्यात का क्या लक्ष्य रखा गया है ?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री खुर्शीद आलम खान) : (क) :

वर्ष	मात्रा करोड़ अदद में (अनन्तिम)
1984 . .	23.05
1985 . .	25.59

स्रो—एईपीसी ।

(ख) जिन प्रमुख देशों को परिधानों के निर्यात किए गए उनमें शामिल हैं : यूरोपीय आर्थिक समुदाय, स०रा० अमरीका, सोवियत संघ, जापान, कनाडा, स्विटजरलैंड तथा स्वीडन । परिधानों की अधिकतम मात्रा यूरोपीय आर्थिक समुदाय सदस्य देशों द्वारा आयात की गई थी ।

(ग) वर्ष 1986–87 के लिए सिले-सिलाये परिधानों के निर्यात के लिए अनन्तिम लक्ष्य 1200 करोड़ रु० है ।

Devaluation of Rupee

2244. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to devalue the Indian rupee;

(b) whether the World Bank or the International Monetary Fund made any suggestions in this regard; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI